

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(original) Apparatus adapted to be associated with a printer including a conveyor for transporting paper or other substrate from a printing station to a treatment station characterised in that

the conveyor terminates before the treatment station and including means to transfer the paper or substrate to the treatment station

where it is irradiated with UV light sufficiently for the ink used in the printer to be cured

and means to remove the paper or substrate.

2.(original) The apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that the treatment station includes a vacuum bed which , when the paper or substrate is released from the conveyor, receives the paper or substrate into the desired UV irradiation position.

3.(currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~either of the above claims~~ claim 1 characterised in that nip rollers are positioned at the exit of the treatment station which serve to release the paper from the conveyor and to draw paper into position.

4.(currently amended) The apparatus according to ~~any of the above claims~~ claim 1 characterised in that one or more thermosensors are located under the UV lamps and are adapted to deactivate the lamps when they reach a predetermined elevated temperature.

5.(new) The apparatus according to claim 2 characterised in that nip rollers are positioned at the exit of the treatment station which serve to release the paper from the conveyor and to draw paper into position.

6.(new) The apparatus according to claim 2 characterised in that one or more thermosensors are located under the UV lamps and are adapted to deactivate the lamps when they reach a predetermined elevated temperature.

7.(new) The apparatus according to claim 3 characterised in that one or more thermosensors are located under the UV lamps and are adapted to deactivate the lamps when they reach a predetermined elevated temperature.

8.(new) The apparatus according to claim 5 characterised in that one or more thermosensors are located under the UV lamps and are adapted to deactivate the lamps when they reach a predetermined elevated temperature.